

REMARKS

Status of the Application

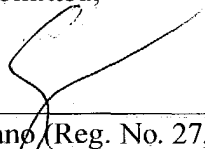
This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/430,885, filed November 1, 1999 and hereby claims priority thereto

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of this amendment, the pending claims in the application are claims 1-46. No new matter is added and thus examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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